CHAPTER NO. 874

HOUSE BILL NO. 2895

By Representatives McDaniel, Boyer

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2942

By Senator Clabough

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-231 relative to a survey of health insurance or benefits available to persons formerly enrolled in the TennCare program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-231 is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) The department of commerce and insurance is authorized to conduct a survey of persons disenrolled by the TennCare program to determine if such persons were able to procure health insurance in the private market, or otherwise had access to healthcare benefits. Such survey will not commence until a survey form is developed with the assistance of the TennCare Bureau of the department of finance and administration, adopted by the commissioner of commerce and insurance, and approved by the state Comptroller of the Treasury. The survey will be conducted of persons who were disenrolled during the period from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

SECTION 2. To effectuate the provisions of this act, the commissioner of commerce and insurance shall have the authority to promulgate any necessary rules and contract with appropriate vendors. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act compiled at Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. The cost incurred by the department of commerce and insurance in conducting the survey shall be paid from existing revenue available to the TennCare program including, but not limited to, TennCare reserve funds.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.
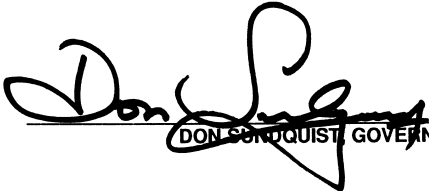
PASSED: July 4, 2002

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this   17th   day of   July 2002

DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR